## UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Attorney Docket No. YHOOP002

(New Nonprovisional Applications Under 37 CFR § 1.53(b))

### TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

| Transmitted herewith is the patent application of ( ) application Szeto, entitled <u>PROVIDING INSTANT MESSAGING ENVIRONMENTS</u> , for a(n):   | FUNCTIONALITY IN NON-INSTANT MESSAGING  |  |
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| (X) Original Patent Application.  | 7.35 P.T.O  |  |
| ( ) Continuing Application (prior application not abandoned):   | Continuation-in-part (CIP)  |  |
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| ( ) This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application   |   |  |
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| Application No: unassigned   | ) Art Unit: Unassigned        |
| Filed: herewith  | )<br>)                        |
| Title: PROVIDING INSTANT MESSAGING FUNCTIONALITY IN NON-INSTANT MESSAGING ENVIRONMENTS | )<br>)<br>)<br>)              |

# REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

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